

Solicitor Ordinance

Current Ordinance	Starting Concept	Proposed Ordinance
<i>Solicitor Business Licensing</i>		
Solicitors currently operate under the same license as itinerant merchants, peddlers, and solicitors.	Solicitation differs significantly from food trucks, pushcarts and other mobile vendor units, and poses different public safety concerns.	<p>A new proposed ordinance would apply specifically to solicitors.</p> <p>The proposed ordinance clarifies that solicitation does not include communicating religious, political or charitable beliefs, polling, deliveries, or those whose usual course or business includes soliciting merchants.</p>
NA	To ensure tax compliance and a level playing field, solicitors must prove they meet state requirements for business licensing.	Applicants must submit proof their business is registered with the State of Indiana and proof of their Employer ID Number
<p><u>Current Fees:</u> One Day License: \$15 Three Day License: \$40 Seven Day License: \$75 Thirty Day License: \$120 Six Month License: \$175 One Year License: \$240</p>	To keep fees consistent and up-to-date with other City fees. The proposed ordinance also includes a new, three month license option.	<p><u>Proposed fees:</u> One Day License: \$25 Three Day License: \$30 Seven Day License: \$50 Thirty Day License: \$75 Three Month License: \$150 Six Month License: \$200 One Year License: \$350</p> <p>In addition, all honorably discharged veterans are now exempt from fees in accordance with State Law.</p>

Solicitor Ordinance

Current Ordinance	Starting Concept	Proposed Ordinance
<i>Solicitor Locations</i>		
<p>Solicitors are restricted from operating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• directly in front of the primary entrance for any retail, office or church without their prior approval• on the same side of the street and within 50 feet of a primary entry way into a retail establishment offering the same type of goods, wares, services, foods, or products	<p>Solicitors do not set up their own physical operations, so the current restrictions are not practical.</p>	<p>The proposed ordinance removes these restrictions.</p>

Solicitor Ordinance

Current Ordinance	Starting Concept	Proposed Ordinance
No itinerant merchants, peddlers or solicitors may be located nor any such sales be made on the following portions of the City of Bloomington B-Line Trail: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• From the north side of Country Club Road to the south side of Dodds Street• From the north side of 2nd Street to the south side of 3rd Street• From the north side of 4th Street to the south side of 6th Street	Update B-Line restrictions to reflect plaza locations, permitted areas. (Developed in partnership with Parks & Recreation.)	No solicitor shall operate on the B-Line Trail except in the following permitted areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Between the north side of Dodds Street and the south side of 2nd Street• Between the north side of 3rd Street and the south side of 4th Street• Between the north side of 6th Street and the south side of Fairview Street
<i>Solicitor Hours of Operation</i>		
NA	Place time limitations to limit disturbance to residents	No solicitor shall operate in any residential neighborhood or building between the hours of dusk and 8:00 a.m., unless a resident in the neighborhood or building has requested or invited the solicitor onto the premises
<i>Abusive Solicitation</i>		

Solicitor Ordinance

Current Ordinance	Starting Concept	Proposed Ordinance
NA	Protect residents from harassment or threatening behavior	<p>No person shall engage in abusive solicitation. Such abusive activity shall mean to do one or more of the following while soliciting or immediately thereafter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coming closer than three feet to the person solicited unless and until the person solicited indicates that the person wishes to make a purchase or otherwise receive the solicitation• Blocking or impeding the passage of the person solicited• Repeating the solicitation after the person solicited has indicated an objection to the solicitation• Following the person solicited by proceeding behind, ahead or alongside such person after the person has indicated an objection to the solicitation• Threatening the person solicited with physical harm by word or gesture• Abusing the person solicited with words which are offensive and inherently likely to provide an immediate violent reaction• Touching the solicited person without the solicited person's consent.
NA	Prevent solicitation in city streets	<p>No solicitor shall approach any vehicle driving upon, stopped upon, or parked upon any public or private street or alley</p> <p>No solicitor shall conduct his/her business from a street, alley, traffic island, or median.</p>

Solicitor Ordinance

Current Ordinance	Starting Concept	Proposed Ordinance
<i>Solicitor - Fines and License Restrictions</i>		
Fine of \$500 for operating without a license	Lower initial fines, but create tiered fine system for repeat offenders	Fines for the first offense are now \$250. New tiered fine structure for repeat offenses: Second Offense \$500, Third Offense \$1,000
Fine of \$250 for not complying with regulations	Lower initial fines, but create tiered fine system for repeat offenders	Fines for the first offense are now \$50. New tiered fine structure for repeat offenses: Second Offense \$100, Third Offense \$200